GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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HELICOPTER SERVICE FOR HOLY PLACES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to introduce helicopter service for holy places of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of holy places in India for which helicopter service already exists; and

(d) the time by which helicopter service is likely to be introduced for Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b), (c) and (d):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited hasplans to operate helicopter services to Kedarnath, on experimental basis, from middle of May, 2003 till the end of June, 2003.

M/s.Deccan Aviation Private Limited has been providing helicopter services for passengers visiting Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.